# Diastereodivergent Combined Carbometalation/Zinc Homologation/C-C Fragmentation Reaction as an Efficient Tool to Prepare Acyclic Allylic Quaternary Carbon Stereocenters

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#### **General Considerations:**

All glassware was flame dried under vacuum, and cooled under argon prior to use. Unless otherwise stated, all reactions were carried out under positive pressure of argon. Ether and THF were dried from Pure-Solv<sup>®</sup> Purification System (Innovative Technology<sup>®</sup>). Dichloromethane was distilled from CaH<sub>2</sub>. Toluene was distilled from sodium and benzophenone. Copper iodide, rhodium acetate dimer, methyllithium (1.6 M in diethyl ether), butyllithium (1.6 M in hexane), hexyllithium (2.3 M in hexane), phenyllithium (1.9 M in dibutyl ether), methylmagnesium bromide (3.0 M in diethyl ether), vinylmagnesium bromide (1.0 M in THF) and diethylzinc (1 M in hexane) were purchased from Aldrich. Thin Layer Chromatography (TLC) was performed using Merck<sup>©</sup> silica gel 60 F254 plates and visualized by exposure to UV light (254 nm) or stained with anisaldehyde, phosphomolybdic acid, or potassium permanganate. Column chromatography was performed using Bio-Lab silica gel 60A (0.040-0.063mm). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker<sup>©</sup> spectrometers AVIII400, using CDCl<sub>3</sub> as a solvent. NMR data were processed with Topspin or with NMRnotebook. Peak multiplicities are reported as follows: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, dd = doublet of doublets, m = multiplet. GC-MS was performed on Thermo Scientific<sup>™</sup> Ion Trap GC/MS: ITQTM 900 with a Varian Factor Four Capilary colum (VF-5 ms, 30 m  $\times$  0.25 mm). HPLC chromatograms were recorded using Agilent<sup>©</sup> 1100 Series line with CHIRALPAK® AD-H, AY-H, IA or CHIRALCEL® OD columns. Optical rotation were measured using SCHMIDT and HAENSCH<sup>©</sup> Unipol L1000 with  $[\alpha]_D$  values reported in degrees; concentration (c) is in g/100 mL.

#### **Experimental section:**

#### Synthesis of benzyl 2-diazoacetate:

The benzyl 2-diazoacetate was synthesized from benzyl acetoacetate by following the reported procedure.<sup>1</sup>

#### General procedure for the preparation of cyclopropene carboxylates:

Following the reported procedure<sup>2</sup> cyclopropene carboxylates were prepared from the reaction of alkyne<sup>3</sup> and alkyl 2-diazoacetate.

#### Synthesis of benzyl 2-(4-methylpent-3-en-1-yl)cycloprop-2-ene-1-carboxylate (1i):

Title compound was synthesized following the reported procedures as mentioned in the following scheme.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> H. Mao, A. Lin, Y. Shi, Z. Mao, X. Zhu, W. Li, H. Hu, Y. Cheng and C. Zhu, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.*, 2013, **52**, 6288.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> L.-A. Liao, F. Zhang, N. Yan, J. A. Golen and J. M. Fox, *Tetrahedron* 2004, **60**, 1803.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> All alkynes were commercially available except *tert*-butyldimethyl(pent-4-yn-1-yloxy)silane which was prepared according to the reported procedure (L. Cleary, H. Yoo and K. J. She, *Org. Lett.*, 2011, **7**, 1781).

Then Swern oxidation was performed with **1ga**. Oxalyl chloride (1.25 eq, 0.54 mL, 6.25 mmol) was dissolved in 20 mL of DCM and kept at -78 °C. Then DMSO (2.5 eq, 0.89 mL, 12.5 mmol; solution was prepared in 5 mL DCM) was added dropwise and stirred for 30 min. Then **1ga** (1 eq, 1.16 g, 5 mmol; solution was prepared in 5 mL DCM) was added and stirred for 1h. Then triethlyamine (6 eq, 4.1 mL, 30 mmol) was added and stirred overnight. The mixture was then diluted with 20 mL DCM and poured over 10 mL of a saturated aqueous solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl. The organic layer was separated and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuum to yield a crude oil which was further purified by flash column chromatography (hexane/ EtOAc, 99:1) to get **1gb** in 95% yield (1.1 g).

Finally the Wittig reaction was performed with **1gb** to get the title compound. Isopropyl triphenylphosphonium bromide salt was prepared separately from the reaction of triphenylphosphine and 2-bromopropane.<sup>4b</sup> To a cooled mixture (0 °C) of isopropyltriphenylphosphonium bromide (1.2 eq, 927 mg, 2.4 mmol) in 10 mL of dry Et<sub>2</sub>O (ca. 10 mL) was added <sup>n</sup>BuLi (1.2 eq, 2.4 mmol, 1.6 M in hexane) under inert atmosphere. The solution turned red due to the formation of the corresponding ylide. After the mixture was stirred for 1 h at room temperature, a solution of the aldehyde **1gb** (1 eq, 461 mg, 2 mmol) in 5 mL of dry Et<sub>2</sub>O was added dropwise and stirring was continued at room temperature. The reaction mixture was monitored by TLC. After completion of the reaction hexane was added to the reaction was concentrated, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (hexane/ EtOAc, 99:1) to get the compound **1i** in 62% yield (320 mg).

#### Synthesis of enantioenricheded cyclopropene:

 $Rh_2(OAc)(R,R-DPTI)_3$  (DPTI = diphenyltriflylimidazolidinone) which was prepared following the reported procedure<sup>4</sup>, was used as a chiral catalyst for the synthesis of enantioenriched cyclopropene.

To a flame dried 3-necked 100ml round bottom flask equipped with a Teflon stirring bar under argon atmosphere  $Rh_2(OAc)(R,R$ -DPTI)<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mol%, 6.86 mg) was added and dissolved in 9 mL of dry DCM, followed by the addition of alkyne (10 eq, 10 mmol). Then a solution of methyl 2-diazo-2-phenylacetate (1 mmol in 7 ml DCM) was added to the reaction mixture through a syringe pump with 0.5 mL/h flow rate. The reaction was followed by TLC until disappearance of alkyl 2-diazoacetate (eluent hexane/EtOAc, 9:1). The solvent was evaporated and the resulting mixture purified by column chromatography (hexane/ EtOAc, 95:5) to afford the enantioenricheded cyclopropene product as clear color less oil. Following this procedure all the enantioenricheded cyclopropene **1b**, **1e** and **1f** were synthesized.

The absolute configuration of the **1f** was determined by comparing the optical rotation described in the literature with an authentic sample after reduction into the corresponding alcohol with DIBAL.<sup>2</sup> Characterization and spectral data of the alcohol was compatible with literature data.<sup>5</sup> The absolute configuration of the **1b** and **1e** was assumed to be the same of the analogous **1f**.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Y. Lou, M. Horikawa, R. A. Kloster, N. A. Hawryluk and E. J. Corey, J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2004, **126**, 8916.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> L.-A. Liao and J. M. Fox, J. Am. Chem. Soc., 2002, **124**, 14322.

#### **Optimization of reaction conditions:**

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 Table S-1: Combined anti-carbometalation – zinc homologation – fragmentation reactions



<sup>a</sup> 1a was consumed completely and the ratio between products  $2a_{anti}$  and 4a was determined by GC-MS of the crude reaction mixture. Parentheses represent isolated yield after purification by column chromatography.

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Table S-2: Combined syn-carbometalation – zinc homologation – fragmentation reactions

 $L_3$ 



Entry	Me[M]	Solvent-A	Solvent-B	X:Y	Ligand	$2a_{syn}/4a^{a}$
1	MeLi	PhMe			L <sub>3</sub>	67:33
2	MeLi	PhMe	THF	1:1	$L_3$	61:39
3	MeLi	PhMe	THF	1:2	$L_3$	45:55
4	MeMgBr	$Et_2O$	THF	1:2	$L_3$	73:27
5	MeMgBr	PhMe	THF	1:2	$L_3$	80:20
6	MeLi	PhMe	THF	1:2	$L_4$	88:12
7	MeLi	PhMe	THF	1:2	$L_5$	60:40
8	MeLi	PhMe	THF	1:2	$L_6$	11:89 (65)
9	MeLi	PhMe	THF	1:2		80:20

<sup>a</sup> 1a was consumed completely and ratio between products  $2a_{syn}$  and 4a was determined by GC-MS of the crude reaction mixture. Parentheses represent isolated yield after purification by column chromatography.

#### Procedure for the synthesis of 2a<sub>anti</sub>:

To a suspension of CuI (100 mg, 1.05 equiv, 0.525 mmol) in 6 mL of THF, MeLi was added drop-wise at -45 °C (1.05 equiv, 0.525 mmol). The reaction mixture was allowed to stir for 30 min after which the **1a** (1 equiv, 115 mg, 0.5 mmol, dissolved in 2 ml of THF) was added drop-wise at that temperature and the reaction mixture was stirred until TLC shows complete consumption of the starting cyclopropene (eluant Hexane:Et<sub>2</sub>O = 95:5 ca. 30 min). The reaction was then quenched with an aqueous solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl/NH<sub>4</sub>OH (2:1). The aqueous layer was extracted twice with Et<sub>2</sub>O and the combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. Crude mixtures were then purified by flash chromatography using hexane/ Et<sub>2</sub>O as eluent to get the compound **2a**<sub>anti</sub> in 75% yield (93 mg).

#### **Procedure for the synthesis of 2a**<sub>syn</sub>:

To a suspension of CuI (100 mg, 1.05 equiv, 0.525 mmol) in 6 mL of PhMe, MeLi was added drop-wise at -45 °C (1.05 equiv, 0.525 mmol). The reaction mixture was allowed to stir for 30 min after which the **1a** (1 equiv, 115 mg, 0.5 mmol, dissolved in 2 ml of PhMe) was added drop-wise at that temperature and the reaction mixture was stirred until TLC shows complete consumption of the starting cyclopropene (eluent Hexane:Et<sub>2</sub>O = 95:5 ca. 30 min). The reaction was then quenched with an aqueous solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl/NH<sub>4</sub>OH (2:1). The aqueous layer was extracted twice with Et<sub>2</sub>O and the combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. Crude mixtures were then purified by flash chromatography using hexane/ Et<sub>2</sub>O as eluent to get the compound **2a**<sub>syn</sub> in 72% yield (90 mg).

#### General procedure for anti-Carbometalation/Zinc-Homologation/Ring opening of cyclopropanes:

To a suspension of CuI (0.1 g, 1.05 equiv, 0.525 mmol) in 8 mL of THF, alkyllithium was added dropwise at -45 °C (1.05 equiv, 0.525 mmol). The reaction mixture was allowed to stir for 30 min after which the cyclopropene (1 equiv, 0.5 mmol, dissolved in 2 ml of THF) was added drop-wise at that temperature and the reaction mixture was stirred until TLC shows complete consumption of the starting cyclopropene (eluent Hexane:Et<sub>2</sub>O = 95:5 ca. 30 min). Then, to the reaction mixture CH<sub>2</sub>I<sub>2</sub> (0.1 mL, 2.5 equiv, 1.25 mmol) was added followed by the drop-wise addition of Et<sub>2</sub>Zn (2.5 equiv, 1.25 mmol) and 1,10phenanthroline (0.095 g, 1.05 equiv, 0.525 mmol, dissolved in 3 ml of THF). The resulting reacting mixture (dark yellow to brown in case of MeLi) was stirred at this temperature and slowly warmed up to -20 °C (ca. 2h). The reaction was then quenched with an aqueous solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl/NH<sub>4</sub>OH (2:1). The aqueous layer was extracted twice with Et<sub>2</sub>O and the combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. Crude mixtures were then purified by flash chromatography using hexane/ Et<sub>2</sub>O as eluent.

#### General procedure for syn-Carbometalation/Zinc-Homologation/Ring opening of cyclopropanes:

To a suspension of CuI (0.1 g, 1.05 equiv, 0.525 mmol) in 6 mL of PhMe, alkyllithium was added dropwise at -45 °C (1.05 equiv, 0.525 mmol). The reaction mixture was allowed to stir for 30 min after which the cyclopropene (1 equiv, 0.5 mmol, dissolved in 2 ml of PhMe) was added drop-wise at that temperature and the reaction mixture was stirred until TLC shows complete consumption of the starting cyclopropene (eluent Hexane:Et<sub>2</sub>O = 95:5 ca. 30 min). Then to that reaction mixture THF (16 mL) and CH<sub>2</sub>I<sub>2</sub> (0.1 mL, 2.5 equiv, 1.25 mmol) was added followed by the drop-wise addition of Et<sub>2</sub>Zn (2.5 equiv, 1.25 mmol) and 1,10-phenanthroline (0.095 g, 1.05 equiv, 0.525 mmol, dissolved in 3 ml of THF). The resulting reacting mixture (dark yellow to brown in case of MeLi) was stirred at this temperature and slowly warmed up to -20 °C (ca. 2h). The reaction was then quenched with an aqueous solution of  $NH_4Cl/NH_4OH$  (2:1). The aqueous layer was extracted twice with  $Et_2O$  and the combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. Crude mixtures were then purified by flash chromatography using hexane/ $Et_2O$  as eluent.

### General procedure for the ozonolysis of 4b, 4g, 4h and 4i:

The determination of the enantiomeric excess of **4b**, **4g**, **4h** and **4i** could not be done by HPLC with CHIRALPAK<sup>®</sup> AD-H , AY-H, IA or CHIRALCEL<sup>®</sup> OD columns. Therefore ozonolysis was performed on the **4b**, **4g**, **4h** and **4i** to convert them into the corresponding aldehyde **5b**, **5g**, **5h** and **5i**.

**4** (1 eq, 0.25 mmol) was dissolved in 7 mL of DCM and kept at -78 °C. Then ozone was purged to the solution until reaction mixture turn into pale blue colour (ca. 5 min). Triphenylphosphine (4 eq, 262 mg, 1 mmol) was added at a time and kept at that temperature for 30 min then at rt for 12h. The mixture was then concentrated in vacuo and further purified by flash column chromatography (hexane/ EtOAc, 90:10) to get the desired **5**.

### Characterization of starting materials:

### Benzyl 2-butylcycloprop-2-ene-1-carboxylate (1a):



 $CO_2Bn$  R<sub>f</sub> = 0.57 (Hexane/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 94:6); Yield: 65% (Colorless oil)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 0.90 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.33-1.42 (m, 2H), 1.52-1.65 (m, 2H), 2.19 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.48-2.51 (m, 2H), 5.10 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 6.33 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.36 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, 10.52), 2.22 + 2.42 + 2.52 +

 $CDCl_{3}: \delta = 13.7, 19.7, 22.2, 24.7, 28.7, 66.0, 93.8, 115.5, 128.0, 128.1, 128.5, 136.5, 176.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C_{15}H_{18}NaO_{2} [M+Na]^{+}: 253.1240; found: 253.1199$ 

### Benzyl 2-phenethylcycloprop-2-ene-1-carboxylate (1b):

 $CO_2Bn$  R<sub>f</sub> = 0.43 (Hexane/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 94:6); Yield: 62% (Colorless oil)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 2.04 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.63-2.76 (m, 4H), 4.93 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 6.20 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.02-7.06 (m, 3H), 7.09-7.12 (m, 2H), 7.14-7.20 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  =

19.9, 26.7, 32.9, 66.1, 94.9, 114.8, 126.3, 128.0, 128.1, 128.3, 128.4, 128.5, 136.4, 140.6, 176.2; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for  $C_{19}H_{19}O_2$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 279.1385; found: 279.1350.

### (S)-Benzyl 2-phenethylcycloprop-2-ene-1-carboxylate ((S)-1b):

 $CO_2Bn$   $R_f = 0.43$  (Hexane/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 94:6); Yield: 80% (Colorless oil)



Spectral data of the title compound were identical to the racemic sample. e.r. = 96:4. The chiral sample was analyzed by HPLC using a CHIRALPAK<sup>®</sup> IA column

 $(4.6 \text{mm} \emptyset \times 250 \text{mm} L)$ , n-hexane/isopropanol 99:1, 1mL/min, 210nm. t<sub>R</sub> (major) = 10.78 min, t<sub>R</sub> (minor) = 12.12 min. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub>: (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, c = 0.40): 24.55°.

### Ethyl 2-phenethylcycloprop-2-ene-1-carboxylate<sup>6</sup> (1c):

 $CO_2Et$   $R_f = 0.52$  (Hexane/ $Et_2O = 94:6$ ); Yield: 60% (Colorless oil)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 1.25$  (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 2.14 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.79-2.84 (m, 2H), 2.88-2.93 (m, 2H), 4.08-4.17 (m, 2H), 6.35 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.19-7.22 (m, 3H), 7.25-7.31 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 14.4$ , 19.9,

26.8, 32.9, 60.2, 94.9, 114.9, 126.2, 128.3, 128.4, 140.7, 176.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for  $C_{14}H_{17}O_2$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 217.1262; found: 217.1223.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> F.-G. Zhang, G. Eppe and I. Marek, Angew. Chem. Int. Ed., 2016, 55, 714.

### Ethyl 2-benzylcycloprop-2-ene-1-carboxylate<sup>7</sup> (1d):

 $CO_2Et$  R<sub>f</sub> = 0.52 (Hexane/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 94:6); Yield: 61% (Colorless oil)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 1.13$  (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 2.15 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 3.77 Ph. (q, J = 17.6 Hz, 2H), 3.98-4.04 (m, 2H), 6.39 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.15-7.19 (m, 3H),7.22-7.26 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 14.5, 20.6, 31.6, 60.4, 95.8, 114.8, 126.9, 128.8 (x2), 136.4, 176.2; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 225.0932; found: 225.0886.

### Benzyl 2-benzylcycloprop-2-ene-1-carboxylate (1e):

 $CO_2Bn$  R<sub>f</sub> = 0.51 (Hexane/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 95:5); Yield: 63% (Colorless oil)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 2.25 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 3.84 Ph. (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 5.04 (s, 2H), 6.43 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.19-7.24 (m, 3H), 7.25-7.32 (m, 7H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 20.4$ , 31.4, 66.1, 95.6, 114.5, 126.8, 128.05, 128.09, 128.5, 128.6, 128.7, 136.1, 136.6, 175.9; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 265.1287; found: 265.1223.

### (S)-Benzyl 2-benzylcycloprop-2-ene-1-carboxylate ((S)-1e):

 $CO_2Bn$  R<sub>f</sub> = 0.51 (Hexane/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 95:5); Yield: 80% (Colorless oil)

Spectral data of the title compound were identical to the racemic sample. e.r. = 93:7. Ph. The chiral sample was analyzed by HPLC using a CHIRALCEL<sup>®</sup> OD column (4.6mm $\emptyset \times 250$ mmL), n-hexane/isopropanol 99:1, 1 mL/min, 210nm. t<sub>R</sub> (major) = 16.53 min, t<sub>R</sub> (minor) = 14.98 min.  $[\alpha]_D$ : (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, c = 0.30): 3.64°.

### Benzyl 2-hexylcycloprop-2-ene-1-carboxylate (1f):

 $R_f = 0.62$  (Hexane/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 94:6); Yield: 64% (Colorless oil) CO<sub>2</sub>Bn

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 0.88 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.24-1.36 (m, 6H), 1.52-1.58 (m, 2H), 2.19 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.46-2.50 (m, 2H), 5.09 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 6.33 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.36 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz,

 $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta = 14.0, 19.7, 22.5, 24.9, 26.6, 28.8, 31.5, 66.0, 93.8, 115.6, 128.0, 128.1, 128.5, 136.5, 176.5;$ HRMS (ESI) calcd. for  $C_{17}H_{22}NaO_2 [M+Na]^+$ : 281.1563; found: 281.1512.

### (S)-Benzyl 2-hexylcycloprop-2-ene-1-carboxylate ((S)-1f):



 $R_f = 0.62$  (Hexane/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 94:6); Yield: 82% (Pale pellow oil)

Hex

Hex

Spectral data of the title compound were identical to the racemic sample. e.r. = 91:9. The chiral sample was analyzed by HPLC using a CHIRALPAK<sup>®</sup> IA column (4.6mmØ×250mmL), n-hexane/isopropanol 99:1, 1 mL/min, 210 nm. t<sub>R</sub> (major) = 6.30 min,  $t_R$  (minor) = 6.76 min.  $[\alpha]_D$ : (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, c = 0.42): 12.08°.

### Benzyl 2-(3-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)propyl)cycloprop-2-ene-1-carboxylate (1g):

 $R_f = 0.67$  (Hexane/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 95:5); Yield: 65% (Colorless oil) CO<sub>2</sub>Bn

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<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 0.03 (s, 6H), 0.88 (s, 9H), 1.74-1.81 (m, 2H), 2.19 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.61-3.65 (m, 2H), 5.09 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.37 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = -5.3$  (x2), 18.3, 19.8, 21.5, 25.9 (x3), 29.8, 61.9, 66.0, 94.2, 115.2,

128.0, 128.1, 128.5, 136.4, 176.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for  $C_{20}H_{31}O_3Si$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 347.1968; found: 347.2037.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> P. -O. Delaye, D. Didier and I. Marek, Angew. Chem. Int. Ed., 2013, **52**, 5333.

### Benzyl 2-(3-chloropropyl)cycloprop-2-ene-1-carboxylate (1h):

 $CO_2Bn$  R<sub>f</sub> = 0.47 (Hexane/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 95:5); Yield: 63% (Colorless oil)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 2.00-2.06 (m, 2H), 2.22 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.66-2.71 (m, 2H), 3.53-3.60 (m, 2H), 5.09 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.41 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 19.7$ , 22.4, 29.6, 43.8, 66.2, 95.4, 114.1, 128.1, 128.2, 128.5, 136.3, 176.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>15</sub>ClNaO<sub>2</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 273.0806; found: 273.0659.

### Benzyl 2-(3-oxopropyl)cycloprop-2-ene-1-carboxylate (1ga):

 $CO_2Bn$  R<sub>f</sub> = 0.21 (Hexane/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 90:10); Yield: 93% (Pale yellow oil)

HO HO J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.62 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.66-3.70 (m, 2H), 5.09 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.36 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 19.7, 21.6, 29.5, 61.7, 66.2, 94.7, 114.8, 128.1, 128.2, 128.5, 136.3, 176.6.$ 

### Benzyl 2-(3-oxopropyl)cycloprop-2-ene-1-carboxylate (1gb):

 $CO_2Bn$  R<sub>f</sub> = 0.63 (Hexane/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 90:10); Yield: 95% (Pale yellow oil)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 2.22 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.70-2.73 (m, 2H), 2.80-2.85 (m, 2H), 5.09 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.36 (m, 5H), 9.75 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 17.9$ , 19.9, 40.7, 66.2, 95.6, 113.9, 128.1, 128.2, 128.5, 136.2, 175.9, 200.1.

### Benzyl 2-(4-methylpent-3-en-1-yl)cycloprop-2-ene-1-carboxylate (1i):

 $CO_2Bn$  R<sub>f</sub> = 0.47 (Hexane/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 95:5); Yield: 62% (Pale yellow oil)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 1.60 (s, 3H), 1.67 (s, 3H), 2.19 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.23-2.28 (m, 2H), 2.49-2.54 (m, 2H), 5.08-5.16 (m, 3H), 6.35 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.36 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 17.7$ , 19.8, 25.3, 25.7, 66.0, 94.2, 115.3, 122.8, 128.0, 128.1, 128.5, 132.9, 136.5, 176.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 257.1481; found: 257.1536.

#### **Characterization of compounds:**

### Benzyl-2-butyl-2-methylcyclopropane-1-carboxylate (2a<sub>anti</sub>):

 $CO_2Bn$  R<sub>f</sub> = 0.61 (Hexane/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 98:2); Yield: 75% (Colorless oil)

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<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 0.74-0.79 (m, 4H), 1.09 (s, 3H), 1.10-1.19 (m, 4H), 1.24-1.31 (m, 1H), 1.36-1.48 (m, 3H), 5.03 (s, 2H), 7.22-7.29 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 14.1, 22.2, 22.8, 24.1, 26.7, 27.6, 29.3, 31.9, 66.2, 128.1, 128.3,

128.5, 136.3, 172.7; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for  $C_{16}H_{23}O_2$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 247.1698; found: 247.1701.

Note: The stereochemistry was determined through the NOESY experiment (spectrum available below).

### Benzyl-2-butyl-2-methylcyclopropane-1-carboxylate (2a<sub>syn</sub>):

 $CO_2Bn$   $R_f = 0.61$  (Hexane/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 98:2); Yield: 72% (Colorless oil)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 0.77-0.83 (m, 4H), 1.01 (t, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.1 (s, 3H), 1.18-1.29 (m, 6H), 1.47 (q, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.29 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 14.1$ , 16.2, 21.5,

22.7, 26.3, 27.2, 28.8, 40.5, 66.1, 128.0, 128.1, 128.5, 136.5, 172.7; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for  $C_{16}H_{23}O_2$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 247.1698; found: 247.1700.

Note: The stereochemistry was determined comparing the NOESY and <sup>13</sup>C experiments with the  $2a_{anti}$  (spectrum available below). In  $2a_{syn}$ , due to the shielding effect of the ester group, carbon syn to it resulting in an upfield signal.

### Benzyl 3-butyl-3-methylpent-4-enoate (4a):

 $R_f = 0.59$  (Hexane/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 98:2); Yield: 72% (Colorless oil)

 ${}^{BnO_2C}_{Bu} \bigwedge_{Me} {}^{1}_{H NMR} (400 \text{ MHz, CDCl}_3): \delta = 0.84 (t, J = 7.2 \text{ Hz}, 3\text{H}), 1.09 (s, 3\text{H}), 1.16-1.23 (m, 4\text{H}), 1.34-1.38 (m, 2\text{H}), 2.34 (s, 2\text{H}), 4.91 (dd, J = 0.8, 18.0 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 4.98 (dd, J = 0.8, 10.8 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 5.06 (s, 2\text{H}), 5.78 (dd, J = 10.8, 18.0 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 7.29-7.33 (m, 5\text{H}); {}^{13}\text{C NMR} (100 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3): \delta = 14.1, 23.2, 23.3, 26.3, 39.3, 40.5, 45.0, 65.9, 111.9, 128.1, 128.3, 128.5, 136.1, 145.7, 171.7; \text{HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C}_{17}\text{H}_{25}\text{O}_2 \text{ [M+H]}^+: 261.1855; found: 261.1855.$ 

### (S)-Benzyl 3-methyl-3-phenethylpent-4-enoate ((S)-4b):

BnO<sub>2</sub>C Me Ph  $R_f = 0.47$  (Hexane/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 98:2); Yield: 70% (Colorless oil)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 1.12$  (s, 3H), 1.61-1.66 (m, 2H), 2.37 (s, 2H), 2.45 (dd, J = 6.4, 10.8 Hz, 2H), 4.93 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 5.00 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (s, 2H), 5.80 (dd, J = 10.8, 17.6 Hz, 1H), 7.02-7.10 (m, 3H), 7.15-7.19 (m, 2H), 7.25-

7.28 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 23.5$ , 30.7, 39.4, 42.6, 44.8, 66.1, 112.6, 125.6, 128.2, 128.3 (x2), 128.4, 128.5, 135.9, 142.6, 145.2, 171.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 331.1674; found: 331.1658; [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub>: (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, c = 0.22): 0.53°.

Note: The determination of the enantiomeric excess couldn't be done on the (S)-4b by HPLC with CHIRALPAK<sup>®</sup> AD-H, AY-H, IA or CHIRALCEL<sup>®</sup> OD columns, but after ozonolysis on the aldehyde (S)-5b.

#### (S)-Benzyl 3-formyl-3-methyl-5-phenylpentanoate ((S)-5b):

BnO<sub>2</sub>C Me  $R_f = 0.36$  (Hexane/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 90:10); Yield: 62% (Colorless oil)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 1.14 (s, 3H), 1.68-1.82 (m, 2H), 2.38-2.50 (m, 2H), 2.52 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 2.63 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 5.03 (s, 2H), 7.00-7.01 (m, 2H), 7.08-7.11 (m, 1H), 7.15-7.19 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.29 (m, 5H), 9.49 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C

NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 19.4$ , 30.5, 37.7, 40.2, 47.9, 66.8, 126.3, 128.4, 128.6, 128.6, 128.7, 128.8, 135.7, 141.5, 171.0, 204.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 311.1647; found: 311.1650; e.r. = 96:4. The chiral sample was analyzed by HPLC using a CHIRALPAK<sup>®</sup> AY-H column (10mmØ×20mmL), n-hexane/isopropanol 90:10, 1 mL/min, 210nm. t<sub>R</sub> (major) = 9.78 min, t<sub>R</sub> (minor) = 8.12 min.

#### Ethyl 3-methyl-3-phenethylpent-4-enoate (4c):

 $R_f = 0.52$  (Hexane/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 98:2); Yield: 71% (Colorless oil)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 1.13 (s, 3H), 1. 17 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.63-1.68 (m, 2H), 2.31 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 14.4 Hz, 2H), 2.46-2.50 (m, 2H), 4.04 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.94 (dd, *J* = 0.8, 17.6 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (dd, *J* = 1.2, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 5.80 (dd, *J* = 10.8, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 5.80 (dd, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 5.80 (dd, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H

17.6 Hz, 1H), 7.08-7.10 (m, 3H), 7.18-7.21 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 14.3, 23.4, 30.7, 39.3, 42.6, 44.8, 60.09, 112.4, 125.6, 128.3 (x2), 142.7, 145.3, 171.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 247.1698; found: 247.1634.

### Benzyl 3-butyl-3-phenethylpent-4-enoate (4d):



 $R_f = 0.54$  (Hexane/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 98:2); Yield: 64% (Colorless oil)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 0.84$  (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.17-1.28 (bs, 6H), 1.40-1.47 (m, 1H), 1.63-1.77 (m, 2H), 2.46-2.53 (m, 3H), 4.90 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 5.07-5.10 (m, 3H), 5.72 (dd, J = 11.2, 17.6 Hz, 1H), 7.05-7.14 (m, 3H), 7.18-7.22 (m, 2H),

7.26-7.33 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 14.1, 23.2, 25.8, 30.3, 37.2, 39.5, 40.3, 42.3, 66.1, 113.2, 125.6, 128.2, 128.3, 128.4, 128.5, 128.6, 136.0, 142.8, 144.9, 171.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>31</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 351.2280; found: 351.2319.

#### Ethyl 3-butyl-3-phenethylpent-4-enoate (4e):

 $R_{\rm f} = 0.57$  (Hexane/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 98:2); Yield: 68% (Colorless oil)

EtO<sub>2</sub>C Bu Ph

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EtO<sub>2</sub>C<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 0.84$  (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.16-1.20 (m, 7H), 1.34-1.45 (m, 2H), 1.57-1.75 (m, 2H), 2.36 (s, 2H), 2.41-2.56 (m, 2H), 4.05 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.88 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 5.69 (dd, J = 11.2, 17.6 Hz,

1H), 7.08-7.11 (m, 3H), 7.18-7.21 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 14.1$ , 14.3, 23.3, 25.8, 30.2, 37.1, 39.5, 40.4, 42.2, 60.0, 113.0, 125.6, 128.3, 128.3, 142.9, 145.0, 171.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for  $C_{19}H_{29}O_2$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 289.2156; found: 289.2168.

### Ethyl 3-methyl-3-benzylpent-4-enoate (4f):

 $R_{f} = 0.52$  (Hexane/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 98:2); Yield: 75% (Colorless oil)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 1.04$  (s, 3H), 1. 17 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 2.19 (d, J = 14 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (d, J = 14 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (d, J = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 2.70 (d, J = 14.8 Hz,

1H), 4.04 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.82 (dd, J = 0.8, 17.6 Hz, 1H), 4.94 (dd, J = 1.2, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 5.83 (dd, J = 10.8, 17.6 Hz, 1H), 7.07-7.09 (m, 2H), 7.13-7.20 (m, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 14.3$ , 23.3, 40.0, 44.1, 46.8, 60.0, 112.3, 126.2, 127.7, 130.8, 137.8, 145.2, 171.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 233.1542; found: 233.1519.

#### (S)-Benzyl 3-methyl-3-benzylpent-4-enoate ((S)-4g):

BnO<sub>2</sub>C  $R_f = 0.49$  (Hexane/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 98:2); Yield: 72% (Colorless oil) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 1.04$  (s, 3H), 2.25 (d, J = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (d, J = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (d, J = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 2.69 (d, J = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 4.80 (d, J = 17.6

Ph 14.0 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 2.69 (d, J = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 4.80 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 4.92 (dd, J = 1.2, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (s, 2H), 5.82 (dd, J = 10.8, 17.6 Hz, 1H), 7.03-7.05 (m, 2H), 7.12-7.18 (m, 3H), 7.24-7.28 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 23.4$ , 40.1, 44.0, 46.8, 66.1, 112.5, 126.2, 127.7, 128.2, 128.4, 128.5, 130.8, 136.0, 137.7, 145.1, 171.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for  $C_{20}H_{23}O_2$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 295.1657; found: 295.1693; [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub>: (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, c = 0.14): 14.76°.

Note: The determination of the enantiomeric excess couldn't be done on the (S)-4g by HPLC with CHIRALPAK<sup>®</sup> AD-H, AY-H, IA or CHIRALCEL<sup>®</sup> OD columns, but after ozonolysis on the aldehyde (S)-5g.

#### (S)-Benzyl 3-benzyl-3-methyl-4-oxobutanoate ((S)-5g):

 $\begin{array}{l} \mathsf{BnO}_2\mathsf{C} \overbrace{\mathsf{Me}}^{\mathsf{F}} \mathsf{Ph} & \mathsf{R}_{\mathrm{f}} = 0.37 \ (\mathsf{Hexane}/\mathsf{Et}_2\mathsf{O} = 90:10); \ \mathsf{Yield:} \ 69\% \ (\mathsf{Colorless oil}) \\ {}^{\mathrm{l}}\mathsf{H} \ \mathsf{NMR} \ (400 \ \mathsf{MHz}, \mathsf{CDCl}_3): \delta = 1.06 \ (\mathrm{s}, 3\mathrm{H}), 2.38 \ (\mathrm{d}, J = 15.6 \ \mathrm{Hz}, 1\mathrm{H}), 2.56 \ (\mathrm{d}, J = 16.4 \ \mathrm{Hz}, 1\mathrm{H}), 2.76 \ (\mathrm{d}, J = 13.6 \ \mathrm{Hz}, 1\mathrm{H}), 2.81 \ (\mathrm{d}, J = 13.6 \ \mathrm{Hz}, 1\mathrm{H}), 5.01 \ (\mathrm{d}, J = 12.4 \ \mathrm{Hz}, 1\mathrm{H}), 5.04 \ (\mathrm{d}, J = 12.4 \ \mathrm{Hz}, 1\mathrm{H}), 6.96-6.98 \ (\mathrm{m}, 2\mathrm{H}), 7.12-7.19 \ (\mathrm{m}, 3\mathrm{H}), 7.23-7.50 \ (\mathrm{m}, 5\mathrm{H}), 9.58 \ (\mathrm{s}, 1\mathrm{H}); {}^{13}\mathsf{C} \ \mathsf{NMR} \ (100 \ \mathsf{MHz}, \mathsf{CDCl}_3): \delta = 19.7, \ 39.8, \ 41.7, \ 48.6, \ 66.8, \ 127.0, \ 128.5, \ 128.6, \ 128.7, \ 128.8, \ 130.6, \ 1357, \ 135.9, \ 171.1, \ 204.5; \ \mathsf{HRMS} \ (\mathsf{ESI}) \ \mathsf{calcd.} \ \mathrm{for} \ \mathsf{C}_{19}\mathsf{H}_{21}\mathsf{O}_3 \ [\mathsf{M}+\mathsf{H}]^+: \ 297.1491; \ \mathsf{found}: \ 297.1496; \ \mathsf{e.r.} = 93:7. \ \mathsf{The} \ \mathsf{chiral} \ \mathsf{sample} \ \mathsf{was} \ \mathsf{analyzed} \ \mathsf{by} \ \mathsf{HPLC} \ \mathsf{using} \ \mathsf{a} \ \mathsf{CHIRALPAK}^{\circledast} \ \mathsf{AD-H} \ \mathsf{column} \ (4.6 \ \mathsf{mm}\emptyset \times 250 \ \mathsf{mmL}), \ \mathsf{n-hexane}/\mathsf{isopropanol} \ 90:10, \ 1 \ \mathsf{mL}/\mathsf{min}, \ 210 \ \mathsf{nm.} \ \mathsf{t}_{\mathsf{R}} \ (\mathsf{major}) = 7.85 \ \mathsf{min}, \ \mathsf{t}_{\mathsf{R}} \ (\mathsf{minor}) = 7.36 \ \mathsf{min}. \end{array}$ 

#### (S)-Benzyl 3-hexyl-3-benzylpent-4-enoate ((S)-4h):

 $BnO_2C$   $R_f = 0.56$  (Hexane/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 98:2); Yield: 73% (Colorless oil)

 $\begin{array}{l} \text{Hex} & \stackrel{1}{\text{Hex}} & \stackrel{1}{$ 

Note: The determination of the enantiomeric excess couldn't be done on the (S)-4h by HPLC with CHIRALPAK<sup>®</sup> AD-H, AY-H, IA or CHIRALCEL<sup>®</sup> OD columns, but after ozonolysis on the aldehyde (S)-5h.

#### (S)-Benzyl 3-benzyl-3-hexyl-4-oxobutanoate ((S)-5h):

 $\begin{array}{l} \mathsf{BnO}_2\mathsf{C} \overbrace{\mathsf{Ph}}^{\mathsf{F}} \mathsf{R}_{\mathsf{f}} = 0.41 \ (\mathsf{Hexane}/\mathsf{Et}_2\mathsf{O} = 90:10); \ \mathsf{Yield:} \ 72\% \ (\mathsf{Colorless oil}) \\ {}^1\mathsf{H} \ \mathsf{NMR} \ (400 \ \mathsf{MHz}, \mathsf{CDCl}_3): \ \delta = 0.85 \ (\mathsf{t}, \ J = 7.2 \ \mathsf{Hz}, \ \mathsf{3H}), \ 1.20\text{-}1.24 \ (\mathsf{m}, \ \mathsf{8H}), \ 1.57 \\ (\mathsf{bs}, \ \mathsf{2H}), \ 2.46 \ (\mathsf{d}, \ J = 16.4 \ \mathsf{Hz}, \ \mathsf{1H}), \ 2.52 \ (\mathsf{d}, \ J = 16.4 \ \mathsf{Hz}, \ \mathsf{1H}), \ 2.97 \ (\mathsf{s}, \ \mathsf{2H}), \ 5.08 \ (\mathsf{d}, \ J = 12.0 \ \mathsf{Hz}, \ \mathsf{1H}), \ 5.12 \ (\mathsf{d}, \ J = 12.0 \ \mathsf{Hz}, \ \mathsf{1H}), \ 7.00\text{-}7.03 \ (\mathsf{m}, \ \mathsf{2H}), \ 7.18\text{-}7.24 \ (\mathsf{m}, \ \mathsf{3H}), \ 7.30\text{-}7.35 \ (\mathsf{m}, \ \mathsf{5H}), \ 9.58 \\ (\mathsf{s}, \ \mathsf{1H}); \ {}^{13}\mathsf{C} \ \mathsf{NMR} \ (100 \ \mathsf{MHz}, \ \mathsf{CDCl}_3): \ \delta = 14.2, \ 22.7, \ 23.9, \ 29.9, \ 31.7, \ 33.5, \ 36.3, \ 39.2, \ 52.4, \ 66.4, \ 126.9, \ 128.5, \ 128.6, \ 128.7, \ 128.8, \ 130.5, \ 135.9, \ 136.3, \ 171.4, \ 204.8; \ \mathsf{HRMS} \ (\mathsf{ESI}) \ \mathsf{calcd}. \ \mathsf{for} \ \mathsf{C}_{24}\mathsf{H}_{31}\mathsf{O}_3 \ [\mathsf{M}+\mathsf{H}]^+: \ 367.2273; \ \mathsf{found:} \ 367.2279; \ \mathsf{e.r.} = 93:7. \ \mathsf{The chiral sample was analyzed by \ HPLC \ using \ a \ CHIRALCEL^{@} \\ \mathsf{OD \ column} \ (4.6 \mathsf{mm} \ / \times 250 \mathsf{mmL}), \ \mathsf{n-hexane/isopropanol} \ 99:1, \ 1 \ \mathsf{mL/min}, \ 210 \ \mathsf{nm. t}_{\mathsf{R}} \ (\mathsf{major}) = 9.62 \ \mathsf{min}, \ \mathsf{t}_{\mathsf{R}} \ (\mathsf{minor}) = 10.42 \ \mathsf{min}. \end{array}$ 

#### (S)-Benzyl 3-hexyl-3-methylpent-4-enoate ((S)-4i):

BnO<sub>2</sub>C Hex  $R_f = 0.63$  (Hexane/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 98:2); Yield: 65% (Colorless oil) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 0.85$  (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.09 (s, 3H), 1.19-1.25 (m,

<sup>2</sup>Hex <sup>1</sup>Me <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 0.85$  (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.09 (s, 3H), 1.19-1.25 (m, 8H), 1.33-1.37 (m, 2H), 2.34 (s, 2H), 4.90 (dd, J = 0.8, 17.5 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (dd, J = 1.2, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (s, 2H), 5.78 (dd, J = 10.8, 17.5 Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.33 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 14.3$ , 22.9, 23.5, 24.2, 30.1, 32.0, 39.5, 40.9, 45.2, 66.2, 112.1, 128.3, 128.5, 128.7, 136.3, 145.9, 171.9; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>29</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 289.2156; found: 289.2168; [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub>: (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, c = 0.32): 20.81°.

Note: The determination of the enantiomeric excess couldn't be done on the (S)-4*i* by HPLC with CHIRALPAK<sup>®</sup> AD-H, AY-H, IA or CHIRALCEL<sup>®</sup> OD columns, but after ozonolysis on the aldehyde (S)-5*i*.

#### (S)-Benzyl 3-formyl-3-methylnonanoate ((S)-5i):

 $BnO_2C$   $R_f = 0.52$  (Hexane/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 90:10); Yield: 70% (Colorless oil)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 0.86$  (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.14 (s, 3H), 1.16-1.29 (m, 8H), 1.42-1.58 (m, 2H), 2.51 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (s, 2H), 7.31-7.35 (m, 5H), 9.52 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 14.0$ , 19.0, 22.5, 23.7, 29.7, 31.6, 35.7, 40.1, 47.7, 66.5, 128.3, 128.4, 128.6, 135.6, 171.0, 204.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 291.1882; found: 291.1955; e.r. = 91:9. The chiral sample was analyzed by HPLC using a CHIRALCEL<sup>®</sup> OD column (4.6mmØ×250mmL), n-hexane/isopropanol 90:10, 1 mL/min, 210 nm. t<sub>R</sub> (major) = 5.87 min, t<sub>R</sub> (minor) = 5.19 min.

#### (*R*)-Benzyl 3-hexyl-3-methylpent-4-enoate ((*R*)-4i):

 $BnO_2C$   $R_f = 0.63$  (Hexane/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 98:2); Yield: 63% (Colorless oil)

Me  $H_{\text{Hex}}$  Spectral data of the title compound were identical to the (S)-Benzyl 3-formyl-3-methylnonanoate.

Note: The determination of the enantiomeric excess couldn't be done on the (**R**)-4*i* by HPLC with CHIRALPAK<sup>®</sup> AD-H, AY-H, IA or CHIRALCEL<sup>®</sup> OD columns, but after ozonolysis on the aldehyde (**R**)-5*i*.

#### (*R*)-Benzyl 3-formyl-3-methylnonanoate ((*R*)-5i):

 $R_f = 0.52$  (Hexane/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 90:10); Yield: 72% (Colorless oil)

Me<sup>•</sup> Hex Spectral data of the title compound were identical to the (S)-Benzyl 3-formyl-3methylnonanoate. e.r. = 90:10. The chiral sample was analyzed by HPLC using a CHIRALCEL<sup>®</sup> OD column (4.6mm $\emptyset \times 250$ mmL), n-hexane/isopropanol 90:10, 1 mL/min, 210 nm. t<sub>R</sub> (major) = 5.24 min, t<sub>R</sub> (minor) = 5.91 min.

 $R_f = 0.62$  (Hexane/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 98:2); Yield: 70% (Colorless oil)

#### Benzyl 6-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-methyl-3-vinylhexanoate (4j):

BnO<sub>2</sub>C Me OTBDMS

BnO<sub>2</sub>C

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 0.03$  (s, 6H), 0.88 (s, 9H), 1.11 (s, 3H), 1.42-1.45 (m, 4H), 2.37 (s, 2H), 3.53 (t, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 4.93 (dd, J = 0.8, 17.6 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (dd, J = 0.8, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (s, 2H), 5.79 (dd, J = 10.8, 18.0 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.35 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = -5.2$  (x2), 18.4, 23.2, 25.9 (x3), 27.6,

36.6, 39.0, 45.2, 63.6, 66.0, 112.3, 128.2, 128.3, 128.5, 136.1, 145.4, 171.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for  $C_{22}H_{37}O_3Si$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 377.2531; found: 377.2506.

#### Benzyl 6-chloro-3-methyl-3-vinylhexanoate (4k):

 $BnO_2C$   $R_f = 0.46$  (Hexane/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 98:2); Yield: 71% (Colorless oil)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 1.11$  (s, 3H), 1.48-1.53 (m, 2H), 1.65-1.71 (m, 2H), 2.36 (s, 2H), 3.43 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 4.94 (dd, J = 0.8, 17.2 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (dd, J = 0.8, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (s, 2H), 5.76 (dd, J = 10.8, 17.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.34 (m, 5H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 23.4, 27.6, 37.6, 38.9, 44.9, 45.4, 66.1, 112.7, 128.2, 128.4, 128.5, 135.9, 144.9, 171.3; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>22</sub>ClO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 281.1308; found: 281.1313

#### Benzyl 3,7-dimethyl-3-vinyloct-6-enoate (41):

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 $R_f = 0.49$  (Hexane/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 98:2); Yield: 64% (Colorless oil) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 1.12 (s, 3H), 1.38-1.43 (m, 2H), 1.56 (s, 3H), 1.66 (s, 3H), 1.88-1.91 (m, 2H), 2.37 (s, 2H), 4.93 (dd, *J* = 0.8, 17.6 Hz, 1H), 4.99-5.04 (m, 2H), 5.08 (s, 2H), 5.81 (dd, *J* = 10.8, 17.6 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.35 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR

(100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 17.5$ , 22.8, 23.2, 25.6, 39.3, 40.6, 44.9, 66.0, 112.2, 124.4, 128.1, 128.3, 128.5, 131.4, 136.0, 145.4, 171.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 287.2019; found: 287.2006.

# <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 1a (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):



# <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 1a (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):



# <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 1b (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 1b (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):



#### HPLC analysis of the racemic and enantioenriched 1b:



# <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 1c (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 1c (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):



# <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 1d (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 1d (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):



# <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 1e (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 1e (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):



#### HPLC analysis of the racemic and enantioenriched 1e:



## <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 1f (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):



### HPLC analysis of the racemic and enantioenriched 1f:





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<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 1g (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):



## <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 1h (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 1h (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):



## <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 1ga (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):



# <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 1gb (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 1gb (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):



## <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 1i (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 1i (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):



<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 2a<sub>anti</sub> (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 2a<sub>anti</sub> (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):







<sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H NOESY spectrum of 2a<sub>anti</sub> (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):

# HMQC spectrum of 2a<sub>anti</sub>:



# <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 2a<sub>syn</sub> (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 2a<sub>syn</sub> (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):





<sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H NOESY spectrum of 2a<sub>syn</sub> (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):

# HMQC spectrum of 2a<sub>syn</sub>:



# <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 4a (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 4a (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):



# <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 4b (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):





<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 4b (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):



# <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 5b (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 5b (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):



#### HPLC analysis of the racemic and enantioenriched 5b:



## <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 4c (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 4c (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):



<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 4d (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 4d (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):



# <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 4e (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 4e (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):



# <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 4f (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 4f (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):



## <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 4g (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):



# <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 5g (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 5g (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):



#### HPLC analysis of the racemic and enantioenriched 5g:



# <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 4h (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 4h (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):



# <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 5h (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 5h (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):



#### HPLC analysis of the racemic and enantioenriched 5h:



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# <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 4i (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 4i (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):



## <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 5i (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):



# <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 5i (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):



#### HPLC analysis of the racemic and enantioenriched S-5i:



#### HPLC analysis of the racemic and enantioenriched *R*-5i:



## <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 4j (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 4j (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):



# <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 4k (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 4k (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):



# <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 4l (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 4l (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):







<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum for the reaction of 1d with PhLi for the formation of 4m:





<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum for the reaction of 1j with C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>3</sub>MgBr for the formation of 4n:

 $^{13}\mathrm{C}$  NMR spectrum for the reaction of 1j with C\_2H\_3MgBr for the formation of 4n:

